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This Reply Brief is being submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 22, 2005, with a two-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 22, 2005.

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I. RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ARGUMENTS

Appellants believe that the matters raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer have been adequately addressed in Appellant's Second Appeal Brief, with a mailing date of July 6, 2005, and therefore will not be addressed herein for the sake of brevity.

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II. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the reasons stated in Appellants' Second Appeal Brief, Appellants respectfully assert that the rejections of claims 1-13, 16-22, 24-36 and 40-43 are in error. Appellants respectfully request reversal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-13, 16-36 and 40-43.

Respectfully submitted,

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